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more, Buffalo, Oswego, Savannah, Atlanta,

and, with the exception of a few, are organ-ized, some being Knights and others belong-ing to independent unions.

It is believed that all of the local organiza-tions will send delegates.

CIGAR-MAKERS' BATTLES.

Considered this Evening.

A joint meeting of the executive boards of

Cigarmakers' International Unions Nos. 10,

90, 141, 144, 213 and 254 will be held this even-

ing at 197 East Fourth street, for the purpose,

it is said, of considering the tenement-house

Talk Among Toilers.

It appears to be settled that Edward E. Kunz will be re-elected Secretary of District Assem

by 49.

The printing trades section of the Central Labor Union met last night at 145 Eighth street and discussed matters of interest to the craft.

The fair of the Socialistic Labor party and the United German Trades will open to-night in Clarendon Hall and continue for three days.

Another interesting meeting of working women will be held to-night in Pythagoras Hall, when a constitution for the proposed new organization will be discussed.

Now it is said that Master Workman James E. Quinn, of District Assembly 49, will not be prose-sated for the assaut upon Reporter Ballard, pres-ure having been brought to tear to stop it.

It is said by prominent members of District Assembly 49 that James E. Quinn can be Master Workman again if he desires the place; but his institutes say that he does not want it, and that John Smaw, an engineer of the Eccentric Association, will probably get it. Shaw has always acted with the Home Club men, though not a member of that organization.

COL. FELLOWS'S ASSISTANTS.

Unavailing Efforts to Have Mr. Purdy Re-

Assistant District-Attorney De Lancey

Nicoll and Deputy Assistant Ambrose H.

Purdy have both put their desks in order and

are ready to abdicate when the chimes of

Strong efforts have been made to secure the

retention in office of Mr. Purdy, the three

judges of the Court of General Sessions hav-

judges of the Court of General Sessions having asked it as a personal favor and the members of the Stock Exchange who are interested in the suppression of bucket-shops having offered to pay his salary for the year if he be allowed to prosecute bucket-shop

keepers only.
It is settled, however, that Mr. Purdy will

have to go, but he will have the satisfaction of seeing his place filled by his cousin, Walter Travers Jerome, a son of Larry

Assistant District-Attorneys James Fitz-

Company's factory has entirely shut down, throw-

ing out the 250 hands who were recently put on. There are now 400 persons out of employment.

Mary Major, an elderly woman, died suddenly at er home 24 Cook street, Brooklyn, this morning,

Patrick Caser, aged seventy-two years, fell down a fight of stairs at his home, 86 North Ninth atreet, Brooklyn, late last night, and fractured his skull. A few hours later he died from the effect of his inter-

Frank J. Cox, a pilot, was arrested in Brooklyn last evening on complaint of Shore Inspector Joseph Clark, who charges him with having dumped a soow full of mud in the harbor on Dec. 20 in violation of the State law.

While at work in a steam boiler yard in Brooklyn this morning Robert Somerville, of 199 Second street, New York, was struck in the side by a pulley block. He recoived a fracture of the ribs. He was attended by an ambulance surgeon.

The rooms of John Weber on the second floor of the tenement-house No. 290 Broadway, Brooklyn, were entered yesterday during the family's absence by some person who stole jewelry and clothing valued at \$25.

valued at \$10.
Otto Hoefie, a German, about twenty-five years
old, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging
him with having entered the rooms of Johanna
Pfalscraft at No. 107 Varet and stealing from a
drawer money to the amount of \$48.

water but a very short time.

Last Monday John Deitzer, aged forty years, was struck on the head with a heavy piece of wood in the hands of Robert Young, twenty-six years old. At the time Deitzer was removed to bis home, but subsequently he was taken to St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, where he now lies in a very serious condition. Young has been arrested and looked up to await the result of his victim's intures.

without medical attendance. ributed as the cause of death.

Trinity shall ring in 1888.

he rumor goes.

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1887.

EVENING EDITION.

PRICE ONE CENT?

READING MEN OUT AGAIN.

PORT RICHMOND MEN BEGIN TO SIDE-TRACK THE TRAINS.

more, Buffalo, Oswego, Savannah, Atlanta, Norfolk, Newport News, Detroit, Cleveland, Portland, St. Louis and other places have sent word to the committee in this city that they will send delegates. Locals of 1,000 or more members are entitled to ten delegates, and in cases where the organization does not desire to send so many, one or more delegates may be instructed to cast the full vote. The object of the convention is to form a National District Assembly of 'Longshoremen, The reports received from the officers of local bodies indicate that 50,000 men will thus be brought into one general organiza-Some of the Employees Very Bitter Because So Many of Their Number Were Discharged-Chairman Lee Condemned-His Claim that the Company Did Not Act in Good Faith-Indignant Official Denials.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—There is a deal of uncertainty regarding the settlement of the strike on the Reading system.

Some of the men are very bitter this morning because so many of their number were notice that it will have delegates at the convention and join the new organization. It is a part of the plan of the organizers to extend it to all the leading ports of the world.

After the organization is effected here a committee will be sent to Philadelphia to obtain a charter from the General Executive Board of the Knights of Labor.

The longshoremen in this and the adjoining cities number more than seven thousand, and, with the exception of a few, are organized some being Knights and others believed. discharged, and it would not be surprising if an attempt were made to resume the strike. John R. Lee, Chairman of the Executive

Committee of the railroaders, comes in his share of condemnation, but claims the company acted in bad faith, and after reaching Pottsville yesterday he sent telegrams to all the assemblies to renew hostilities. How generally his instruc-

new hostilities. How generally his instructions will be obeyed remains to be seen.

It is undoubtedly true that many of the
men were glad to resume work, and his order
will probably be pretty carefully considered
before any concerted action is taken.

The strikers at Shamokin are understood
to have declined to return to work and the
strike practically continues at that point.

The leaders of the employees still claim
the company agreed to submit the question
at issue to arbitration, while Reading officials indignantly deny that any agreement
whatever was made.

Chairman Lee has been hard at work all
the morning endeavoring to get the commit-

the morning endeavoring to get the commit-tee to revoke the order which sent the men back to their places, but so far his efforts have proved futile.

It is not likely that the men would obey

nother order to go out. another order to go out.

Trains are moving as usual.

A special received in Philadelphia from Ashland says that all freight trains on the Shamokin Division have stooped. This cuts off all coal west of Mahoning, including the heart of the Schuylkill district.

LATER.—At 1.30 P. M. the men began to sidetrack the trains as they arrived at Port Richmond and at 2 o'clock seven trains had been laid up.

been laid up.

Work on the shipping wharves has been

President Austin Corbin left Philadelphia Fresident Austin Corbin left Philadelphia early this morning, and reached his office in this city at 10 o'clock, tired but triumphant.

"The Reading strike was squashed almost before it became a reality," he said to a World reporter who met him at the door of the Boreel building.

"Have you heard the talk of a renewal of the strike?" asked the reporter.

"There won't be any renewal or any more strikes so far as this region is concerned, I think.

think.

"If the miners strike the colliery owners are ready for them, and if there is any difficulty with the railroad employees fairness and justice will soon put an end to it.

"The trouble on our road is quite at an end and of course I am much gratified there-

by."

The feeling among coal men is that the collapse of the Reading strike has cleared the horizon for the rest of the season and driven away all possible danger of a coal famine.

A Woald reporter visited a number of the firms in the Trinity and Washington Buildings this morning and all expressed the belief that the market can be well and fully supplied for the next four or five months and that there will be no material advance in prices.

Mr. J. D. Kurtz Crook, the head of the firm of that name and a large colliery owner, said: "The scarcity of coal in this region is all a myth. There is plenty of coal in this region. There has been plenty for the past six months and this talk of a famine is utterly

"I do not forget that the miners in the Lehigh Valley continue on strike, but that district supplies only one-sixth of the con-sumption within a radius of fifty miles of sumption within a radius or nity mine. New York, and plenty can be supplied from

other quarters.

The main difference in the situation now from that of former years is that the so-called 'coal barons' have given up keeping large stocks of coal during the summer months at ship-ping places such as Port Richmond, the Amboys, Weehawken and Port Johnson, but are filling orders from the daily output of are filling orders from the daily output of

the mines.
... More coal has been sold and delivered More coal has been soid and delivered this month than in any month of any pre-vious year. We are not sure when the Knights of Labor may order a strike, but we are prepared for them at any time. We do not think any strike could last more than a week or two, and meanwhile we could fill or-

week or two, and meanwhile we could intor-ders.

"The poor people of New York need not fear very high rates for coal this winter. You can get the best coal deliv-ered in the city at the present day at \$6 a ton, and I don't think that is more than a fair price. No one ought to grumble at that figure, and I don't think it will be exceeded.

The prices of coal at the shipping points is \$4.75 for stove and nut, \$4 for broken coal, \$3 for pea and \$2.25 for buckwheat. Add about \$1 or \$1.25 to those prices and you get the prices which ought to be charged for delivery to consumers in this city.'

IT IS NOT A STRIKE

Higgins Bros. Shut Down Unly to Clean Up the Machinery.

The closing down of Higgins Bros.' carpe factory, at the foot of West Forty-third street, led to rumors of a strike of the firm's 3,000 employees, but fortunately they were un-

founded. Reports were also circulated that the troubles arising out of the expulsion of Dis-

troubles arising out of the expulsion of Dis-trict Assembly. No. 126, to which the carpet-weavers of Higgins Brothers are attached from the Knights of Labor, were the cause of the shut-down, but they were also untrue. At this time of year it is customary to stop work in the factory for a few days or a week, in order to clean out the boilers and put the immense machinery in repair, but this year a longer suspension of work is likely to take place.

General Manager Campbell, of Higgins Bros., said that the factory had not been shut down on account of any trouble with employees, and that owing to dull trade the suspension might last longer than usual. The body of a drowned man was found floating in the water near the Cob Dock, Brooklyn Navy-Yard, this morning. It is that of a man about thirty years old, 5 feet 5 Inches in height, dark hair and brown mustache. It was clothed in a dark-brown suit. It appears to have been in the water but a very short time.

FIFTY THOUSAND IN ONE ARMY.

Longshoremen Trying to Form the Bigges Labor Organization in the Werld.

Preparations for the big convention of delegates from the 'longshoremen's unions and local assemblies, which is to take place, beginning March 1 next, at Pythagoras Hall, in this city, are going forward very satisfacto-

Organizations at Philadelphia, Chicago,

Boston, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Balti- JUSTICE

HARLEM AND THE GOATS BEYOND TO POS-SESS HIM NEXT YEAR.

DUFFY'S

EXILE

Report that Envy Dictated the Removal Cases Disposed of Yearly and the Record doned by Him Altogether Nevertheless.

thus be brought into one general organiza-tion under the jurisdiction of the Knights of Labor. Such an organization would be the largest body of workers of one class in the The newspaper reporters went into mourning this morning on reading the announcement that Police Justice Patrick Gavan Duffy An organization of 'longshoremen at Liv-erpool, England, is attached to District As-sembly No. 208 of the Knights, and sends notice that it will have delegates at the conhad been exiled by the Board of Justices for 1888 to duty on the woolsack at Harlem and Morrisania Police Courts.

This morning, at the close of a session at the Jefferson Market Police Court, where the Little Judge disposed of some sixty prisoners, reporter of THE WORLD had a talk with

"What shall I say to you?" mused the little Judge. "Well, you see I have not been regularly assigned to duty in Harlem and over the river before since 1884 or 1885, and it was my turn. It is no, if I may coin a word, no demotion,' as expressive of the reverse of promotion, as some of my friends seem to

promotion, as some of my friends seem to imagine.

"On the contrary, after having considered about 15,000 cases during the past year at Jefferson Market, the most important, and the Tombs, the busiest of the Police Courts, I am entitled to the ease which my assignment for 1888 guarantees to me.

"As Judge Smith remarked, I disposed of 3,000 more cases than any other Justice during 1887, and in 1885 I passed upon 13,500, and in 1886 over 14,500 cases.

"Of course as I live at the Astor House and have always been a resident of the First Ward, hovering around the Battery, I like the walk to the Tombs or Jefferson Market.

"And so far as that is concerned, I've no doubt that, as in former years, Justices White or Welde, who live in Harlem, will be glad to exchange pulpits with me. it is said, of considering the tenement-house cigar-making question.

The belief prevails that all the union cigar-makers will go out on Tuesday next if the consent of a majority of all the unions in the United States and Canada can be obtained before that time.

The manufacturers say they are prepared to close their factories for an indefinite period.

Fifty cigar-makers employed by Kimball & Close, in Warren street, appointed a committee to-day to apply to the Board for leave to strike against a reduction of wages, which amounts to from 50 cents to \$2 per 1,000.

white or wedge, who live in Harlem, will be glad to exchange pulpits with me.

"I shall enjoy the change and rest for a while, anyway. You see, although Harlem and the new wards are growing in population rapidly, still the courts up there are not so busy as the downtown courts, and besides there is not so much important business uptown.

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"I can leave the Astor House at 7 in the
morning, ride to Harlem, perform the business there, and if the telephone says there is
a large number of cases over the river I can
drop over to Tremont and dispose of them.
But when there are only three or four unimportant cases over there it is the custom for
the officers to bring them down to the Harlem Court. Then there is a short afternoon
session usually, and the day's work is ended.
Say to my friends that I shall probably not
be away from them long."

The Harlem Court district includes all that
part of the city between Eighty-first street

part of the city between Eighty-first street and Harlem River, clear to Spuyten Duyvil, and between the East and North rivers. The Morrisania district includes the whole of the annexed territory. There is no class of determined, hardened law-breakers in either district.

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Justice Duffy was first appointed to the bench thirteen years ago, and has filled the chair ever since, excepting two years. For a long time he has had most of the principal cases, the Central Office people taking prisoners before him, whether he might be at Easex Market, Jefferson Market or the Tombs Court. It is not believed, however, that they will follow him to Harlem. All members of the police force who lose him are sorry he is going.

organization.

A very warm time is expected at the County Convention of the United Labor Party on Jan. 12 at Clarendon Hall. An attempt will be made by leaders of labor unions to send Heary George and Dr. McGlynn to the rear, and strong opposition is sure to follow such a move. Some queer developments regarding the conduct of the recent campaign are threatened. going.

It has been suggested that Justice Duffy was sent to Harlem by a combine of his colleagues who were envious because they thought he was getting too much glory. It will be seen that he takes no stock in the

VARIED STYLES OF WEATHER.

The Cold Wave Split, but Part Still Aimed at New York.

The weather manufactory on top of the Equitable's big building posted a notice this morning to the effect that the rain now falling would last until late at night, if not longer.

It extends as far south as Augusta, Ga., and westward to Pittsburg.

The cold wave that has been hovering around in the Northwest for several days has split and started for the East and South, the vind blowing from twenty to thirty miles an It will reach here to-morrow morning, and

may convert the last of the rainstorm into a snowstorm. It will reach to the Gulf of The temperature will fall here from 15 to

20 degrees by to-morrow morning, with the winds shifting to the northwest. The cold wave is now central at Bismarck,

Assistant District-Attorneys James Fitz-gerald, Gunning S. Bedford, McKenzie Semple and Vernon M. Davis will, it is said, be retained by Col. Fellows, the only new assistants being James D. McClelland and Benjamin F. Dos Passos.

The-only other important change rumored is the replacement of Chief Clerk Andrew D. Parker by Thomas McCabe (Maurice J. Power's appointment), as Police Court Clerk. Mr. Parker will be given a desk and occasionally assigned to the trial of cases, so the rumor goes. where the mercury marks 22 below.

The warmest spot is Smithville, N. C., where the mercury is 60 degrees above. It is snowing in Albany and throughout the lake region. Who Will be Park Commissioner ? The Park Board was to have held a meeting to day to consider the question of lowering the railroad tracks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Another Shut-Down at Bristol. [SPECIAL 10 THE WORLD.]
BRISTOL, R. I., Dec. 28.—The National Rubber

wards, but the matter was adjourned until next week. Commissioner Myers, Comptroller-elect, will forward his resignation to the Mayor on Fri-day. When the Mayor was asked to-day whom he would appoint to succeed Mr. Myers he answered oracularly: "You will know when the time

TRENTON, Dec. 28.—The one hundredth anniver-sary of the Trenton Lodge, No. 5, F. and A. M., was celebrated last night in Masonic Temple. Sex eral of the grand officers and other prominent Ma-aons outside the State were present. Past Masters CharleagBrechel and Louis Parker and Barton B. Hutchinson delivered the addresses. Trenton Lodge ta the oldest in New Jersey.

Jersey Teachers in Session.

TRENTON, Dec. 28. -The State Teachers' Associ sation convened at the Normal School Building his morning. Exhibits of work performed in the various schools by the publis were displayed. Gov. Green delivered an address. This afternoon President Austin Apgar will speak on "Habits in Education."

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.] PITTSBURG. Dec. 28. -There was a fight between party of Pennsylvania Railroad men and some ramps near the outskirts of the city last night. George Smythe was badly injured and five of the ramps were more or less hurt. The tramps appear have begun the fray.

Chicago Rejects the Gas Trust's Offer. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The offer of settlement made by the Gas Trust was rejected by the Common council last night.

Paving the Election Officers. City Paymaster Timmermaine continued the paynent of the Election Inspectors to-day at 85 Reade street. Three policemen kept the inspectors in line. At noon 500 men had been paid \$18,500.

BEARS CLIMB ON TOP.

All the Lending Stocks Clawed Down From 1.2 to 1 Per Cent .- A Dull Day.

At the Stock Exchange the day opened suspiciously for the bulls, who were favored by an advance in Americans in London and by another batch of railroad returns that showed material gains over the earnings in

Pearl bought 1,000 Union Pacific and 2,000 Pearl bought 1,000 Union Pacific and 2,000 shares were taken for London account. Tunis took 3,000 and Wormser 2,000, Mauriac being the principal seller. The two stocks mentioned were the features of the market, and each attracted a large crowd of traders in

The bears soon showed fight, however, and succeeded in depressing all the leading stocks 1/2 to 1 per cent. They were aided in their work by private cables from London that the

vate cables from London that the Continental Bourses were flat in consequence of the reported death of Emperor William. This chilled the ardor of the bulls here and speculation settled into dulness.

The directors of the Vanderbilt roads will meet on Priday to declare dividends. From the glowing accounts in regard to the earnings of the properties it is expected that there will be a larger division among the shareholders than usual, but this is only guesswork, and the street may be disappointed in this as it has been in other matters recently.

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East-bound shipments over the trunk lines last week were 52,772 tons, a gain of 4,174 over those of the previous week.

This shows that the lines east of Chicago are benefiting by the war among the roads west of that city.

Money is working closer on account of the preparations incident to the January disbursements for interest and dividends, which will probably reach a round hundred millions.

The rates for call loans have ranged from

The rates for call loans have ranged from 5½ to 7 per cent., but some of the bears predict a flurry before the close. If a "squeeze" is contemplated it will have to be attempted before Friday, as the available supply of funds will be heavily increased next week.

Foreign exchange was somewhat weaker, owing to an improved supply of cotton bills. Rates were not materially changed.

The Sub-Treasury was debtor at the Clear-

Nates were not materially changed.

The Sub-Treasury was debtor at the Clearing-House this morning only \$62,567.

Bonds of all kinds were strong. Government 44's are quoted at 108% a 108%, and 4s at 126 a 126% for reg. and 127 a 127% for coupon. In State bonds North Carolina 4s brought 96 and Mo. 6s of 1888 102%.

In railroad bonds the most important advances were 1 in N. Y. & Northern 1sts, to 102; 13% in San Francisco Class C, to 113; 1½ in do. Class B, to 114; ½ in A. & P. Inc., to 26%; ½ in Hocking Valley 6s, to 73; ½ in Erie 2ds, to 97%; 1 in Morris & Essex 2ds, to 110; 1 in Northwest Con. gold coupon 7s, to 127, and 1 in St. Paul, C. & P. W. 5s, to 104%.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

The early cables reported Americans strong and higher in London, U. S. 4s being up % 4½s % and railroad stocks and bonds ¼ to 1½ better.

At the close there was a reaction in sympathy with the decline here. Consols were steady at 1019-16 a 101% and rentes at Paris declined from 81f. to 80f. 90c.

Had there been any truth in the reports concerning Emperor William these securities would probably have sold off considerably. The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows a decrease in specie of 13,300,000 marks.

13,360,000 marks. THE QUOTATIONS.

Canada Southern... Canadian Pacific Central Pacific. Cleve. Col., Cin. & Ind... Chie, Bur. & Quincy. Chicage & Northwest. Ohic., Mil. & St. Paul. *Chic., Bock Is. & Pacific. *Chic., Bock Is. & Pacific. 61% 33% 52 129 4 107% 118 25 76% 130% 64% 61% "Chic., Hock is. & Facilio. Col. & Hocking Valley. Col. & Hocking Coal Colorado Coal & Iron. Consulidated (isa. Del., Lack. & Western. Delaware & Hudson. Denwar & Rio Grande utd. Fort Worth & Denver City. Louisville & Nashville. Lake Erie & Western pfd Lake Erie & Western pro-Manhattan consol-Minn. & St. L. pfd. Missouri Pacific. Missouri, Kansas & Twiss New Jersey Central. New York Gentral. Y. Y. & New England. S. Y. Lake Erie & Weste Norfolk & Western pfd. Northern Pacific pfd. Ohio & Missessippi. Oregon Improvement.

New York Markets

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WHEAT.—On firmer cables to-day options were opened at an advance of \$4.0 ver last night's close: Jan., \$2350.; Feb., \$2350.; March, \$4550.; May, \$6550. The market advanced to \$6550. For May, but sold off towards noon \$50.0 on the reported death of Emperor William.

COTTON.—Futures opened ateady at 4 points advance: Jan., \$10.56; Feb., \$10.68; March, \$10.78; April, \$10.87; May, \$10.96; June, \$11.05; July, \$1.10. After the opening atronger cables caused an upward movement in prices, which was checked by the reported death of the German Emperor, and at noon prices had fallen \$ to 6 points below the opening figures.

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COFFER.—The opening prices for futures this
morning were Dec., 16. 65; Jan., 16. 40; Feb., 16. 30;
March, 16. 25; April, 16. 16; May, 16. 15; June, 16. 65;
July, 18. 95. The market was irregular and the
prices represent an average decline of 19 points.
The market was about steady during the forenoon.
PETROLEUM.—Oil was nervous and excited this
morning and the prospect puzzled conservative
traders a good deal. The opening price was 88%;
an advance of % over last night's figure. It was
quickly advanced by heavy tuying, principally by
aborts, until a gain of a cent had been made.
Only one sale was made at 89%, however, after Only one sale was made at 89%, however, after which there was a violent reaction, and the market had sold down to 86% before noon. Early in the afternoon there was a slight raily.

Tips From The World's Ticker.

The advance in the London market to-day was totable, several of the active stocks opening over notable, several of the active stocks opening over 1 per cent, higher.

Henry Clews is a bigger built than ever. With over \$100,000,000 in railroad earnings he don't see what can keep the market down.

The report that an increased dividend would be paid by Lackawanna was not confirmed, and that stock was sold freely this morning.

Washington E. Connor still talks hopefully of

Washington E. Connor still talks hopefully of higher prices and a bull market. He is said to be 20,000 shares short of Lackawanna. There was a reaction in stocks to-day after the buige of yesterday, which made hastly converted buils look somewhat billous this morning.

The story of the Dutch bondholders of K. T. who were coming over to investigate the affairs of that company, is believed in the street to be a myth.

The most sanguine buils declare that the market s now good for a 10 per cent. advance, as the oating stock is all in strong hands, and not to be

shaken out.

The street still regards the rumors of labor troubles in Pennsylvania with anxiety and many are inclined to think that some of the roads are not out of the woods yet.

Vermilye & Co. predict an advance, first on account of a big, mysterious buying demand which cannot be traced, and second to the restiveness of shorts who want to cover.

A SCARE FROM LONDON.

Money Centres Agitated by a Rumor of Emperor William's Death.

European Market Reported to be in a State of Semi-Panic.

Wall Street Hears the Story, but Discredits It as a Chestnut-No Confirmation Received by Bankers or at the German Consulate-Cotton More Affected than Stocks or the Produce Exchange.

The following despatches were received over Kiernan's news ticker this morning: LONDON, Dec. 28.—Semi-panic in foreign securi-es. Emperor of Germany is reported as certainly

ties. Emperor of Germany is reported dead.

New York.—E. L. Oppenheim & Co, have a cable from their London house which says it is reported in London that Emperor William is dead. News had previously been received of a fall in Russian securities and that the Continental market was weak generally.

A WORLD reporter was told at the office of Oppenheim & Co. that the firm considered the despatch as not greatly to be trusted, owing to the contradictory rumors about the Emperor's health which have prevailed so

long. The Seligmans and other houses in this city doing a large German business did not

place much confidence in the report. The New York stock market has not shown my material change in its quotations.

The rumor of Emperor William's death was received in Wall street generally with considerable incredulity, as the same report has been spread about on several previous oceasions.

When it was followed by the report that the European financial centres had been greatly excited by the news and that there was almost a panic in the London and Paris stock markets, there was some local selling, but not sufficient to cause more than a slight depression.

At noon the market was quiet, and there was very little excitement manifested in the street.

more than any other business centre, and, although the market had opened strong in the morning, it sold off rapidly four or five points as soon as the news was received. Neither at the Produce Exchange nor the

Consolidated did the rumor have any effect on prices, and it was generally discredited. At the German Consulate, at 2 Bowling Green, a World reporter saw the Consul and asked :

"What truth is there in these despatche announcing the German Emperor's death? "I do not know," was the reply. "I have received no despatches myself. Should the matter be as stated, I will, of course, get

official notification of the event. "I have heard nothing to that effect as yet, and consequently do not know whether there is any truth in the rumor or not."

A WITCH CHARGED WITH ARSON.

Arrested Among Pitchers of Kerosene Her Burning House. An elderly single woman named Jane

Brown, known in the vicinity of Orient avenue, Jersey City, as "Jane the Witch," was arrested this morning for arson. The woman has lived for two years alone in an unfinished two-story frame building at 33 Orient avenue. She had built the house with her own money and insured it for \$900.

with her own money and insired it for \$900. At 6 o'clock this morning flames were bursting from the windows.

The firemen found, after extinguishing them, that the house had been saturated with kerosene. Pitchers full of oil were found standing about, and "Jane the Witch" stood in the middle of it all. She had given no alarm and saw no one until a policeman

no alarm and saw no one until a policeman entered the house.

When arrested she claimed that she knew when arrested she claimed that she knew nothing of the origin of the fire and that she awoke to be stifled by the smoke. She said that she gave no alarm because no one could hear her. She was committed for trial by

Business Troubles. In the suit of B. H. Howell, Son & Co. W. D. Haynes and A. Y. Hogers, of New Orleans,

to recover \$51,000, money lent, Messrs. A. P. and W. Man, counsel for the plaintiffs, have obtained an attachment against the property of the defendants. Frederick S. Pinkus has obtained from Judge Lawrence an attachment against the property of George A. Hurd, Melville M. Walte and Charles H. Draper upon a claim of \$875 for goods delivered.

Fires Soon Extinguished. Fire broke out on the second floor of the frammilding, No. 314 East Sixty-second street, this morning and did about \$25 worth of damage to the furniture owned by Israel Meyer. Henry Hahn owned the building.

Damages to the amount of \$1,000 was done to Moses Monskey's stock of paper boxes on the fifth floor of No. 160 South Fifth avenue at a little before midnight last night. The damage to the building amounted to \$300.

Sudden Deaths in the City. The early morning police returns furnish ac counts of many sudden deaths, the record being as

West Twenty-eighth street; Mrs. Mary Coughin, wife of Edward Coughlin, an English woman, at 43 Mott street; Dominiclo Barkusti, fifty years ald, and only three days in America, who died at A Children's Christmas Festival. The annual Christmas festival of the children of

Knights and Ladies of Honor, took place last night at Turn Hall.

The entertainment consisted of songs and reci-tations, ending with a grand march by the chil-dren, after which there was a dance in which the children joined. Neither Place Nor Satisfaction. Stephen Duncan, of 300 East Sixty-fourth street, omplained to the Mayor's Marshal, to-day, agains

the intelligence office run by J. King, at 372 Sixth avenue. He said that he had p.id King \$5 to secure a position, did not get one, and when he demanded the retorn of his money, King threatened to kick him out of the place. Explorer Wolff Here. C. Eugene Wolff, the Royal Geographical Socie-ty's African explorer, arrived from Havana to-day

on the steamer City of Alexandria. He is now or

and Timpson & Co. are Still in Ignorance. The throwing of seven books containing the records of purchases and sales of some unknown broker into the Hackensack River, unknown broker into the Hackensack River, and their subsequent rescue, made a paragraph for the morning papers. One of the transactions read: "To Russell Sage, 50,000 shares of Lake Shore, \$500,000."

Mr. Sage was found at his office this morning by a World reporter, and laughed heartily when asked if he would state of whom he bought the stocks.

"I never bought them, my boy," he said. "It reminds me of Henry Ives's failure, Wasn't content to go under for a decent amount, so he made it sixteen millions.

"No, I never made any such purchase, nor do I know any such firm as Dater. Timpson

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& Co."

The firm is now known as Timpson & Co., Mr. Dater having withdrawn from it in 1884, and has its office at No. 51 Exchange place.

At the office it was learned from Mr. Sidman, of the firm, that steps had been taken to get possession of the books, and that some information might be then forthcoming.

"At the present time," he said, "we know absolutely nothing about the matter. It is possible that the books may be ours, in fact quite probable, but all the information we have so far we have gained from the newspapers."

THREE CHARGES OF CLUBBING.

One Policeman Who Left His Victim Sense-

less on a Car Track. Policeman William Markell, of the Prince street station, was on trial this morning before President French for clubbing Henry fore President French for clubbing Henry Ferguson in front of 80 Charlton street and then leaving him lying on the car track senseless. The policeman in his defense said he only pushed Ferguson and told him to go about his business. He believed the manfell and he went on his post.

"Did you push a man down, leave him on a railroad track with his head out and then go off?" commented Mr. French. Decision was reserved.

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John Smith, who has been imprisoned

plaint of clubbing against Policeman Mat-thias Jennings, of the East Twenty-second street station.

"The mere fact of your being an ex-convict," remarked Presidedt French after hearing both sides, "is no justification for an assault; but I would advise you to give that precinct a wide berth." street station.

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Policeman James S. Moran, of the East
Twenty-second street station, was accused by
George Schmidt, who said that Moran
clubbed him and then offered him \$10 not to make a complaint.

RUN OVER BY MR. AMBERG'S CARRIAGE. Retired Merchant Knocked Down and In-

Jured in Centre Street. Isaac Tippili, a retired merchant of 47 East 65th street, was knocked down at Canal and

Centre streets at 6 o'clock last evening by the carriage of Gustav Amberg, manager of the Thalia Theatre. The coachman, Arthur T. White, was arrested.

Mr. Tippili was removed to his residence, where he is confined to his bed. He was un-able to appear at the Tombs Police Court to-day. White was remanded this afternoon by Justice O'Reilly.

Entries for Guttenburg. The entries for the races to be run at the North

Hudson Driving Park to-morrow (Thursday) are as

Fred Davis ... SECOND HACE,
Purse \$200, of which \$50 to the second; conditions and
distance same as first race. THIRD BACK.
th and to the second the scale; selling a Jennie Farrell, a four-months infant, of 446 Purse \$200, of which o carry 20 lb. above the Purse \$200, of which \$50 to the secondling allowances; horses entered to be the families of the Loreley Lodge 845, of the

Neptunus..... Purse \$200, of which \$50 to the second, for all ages; elling allowances; one mile. 25. 96 96 93

The racing will begin at 1.30 P. M. President Cleveland Reaches Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Cleveland and party arrived in Washinston over the Pennsyl-vania road at 8 o'clock this morning.

MRS. ASTOR'S WILL

Presented To-Day for Probate in the Surrogate's Office.

Many Handsome Bequests Made to Deserving Charities.

Mrs. Aster Gives \$163,000 to Ten Charitable Organizations; \$50,000 to Her Slater, Miss Zela Gibbs ; \$10,000 for [the Benefit of Two Other Friends - Her Jewelry Given to Her Husband and Near Friends-Adrian Iselin, Jr., and William Waldorf Astor, the Executors.

The will of Mrs. John Jacob Astor was presented for probate to Probate Clerk Beckets in the Surrogate's Court to-day.

It was executed June 18, 1886. The execu tors are Adrian Iselin, jr., and William Waldorf Astor. The document is as follows:

Waldorf Astor. The document is as follows:

I. Charlotte Augusta Astor, wife of John Jacob Astor, of the city of New York, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, that is to say:

First—Whereas, my deceased father, Thomas S. Giboes, by his last will and testament gave, devised and bequeathed one fourth part or share of his residuary estate, real and personal, upon a trust for the benefit of my sister Zeia during her life, with remainder of the capital of such trust share, upon her death to her issue, and a power of appointmentmen to her amongst such issue, but without making any express disposition of the capital of such trust share in the even of the death of my said sister without leaving issue her surviving.

Whereas, My said sister Zela has remained unmarried, and
Whereas, I am advised that the capital of such trust share upon the exent of the death of my said sister Zela. Without issue, is or will be intestate estate of my father, and that I have a share of interest therein, partly in my original right, derived from my father, my deceased sister Susan Ann, now i do hereby give, devise and bequesth unto my sister Zeia Gibbes all my estate in remainder a reversionary interest, and all my estate, right, title and interest whatsoever, whether present or future, and howsoever derived of, in, to, or in respect of the capital of the said one fourth share of my father's residuary estate real and personal, which by his will was given, devised and bey queathed upon trust for the benefit of my sister Zela during her life, or of, in or to, or in respect of the proceeds of the same.

She directs her executors to sell off the real estate in this city given to her in trust by her father's will in order to provide for the bequests and dispositions contained in her will. She gives to her sister, Zela Gibbes, \$50.000, with the privilege of taking real estate to that amount.

She gives \$25.000 to the Woman's Hospitra mid Whereas, My said sister Zela has remained un-

that amount.

She gives \$25,000 to the Woman's Hospitra in the State of New York, which is some times called the New York State Woman's Hospital as a permanent fund, the income to go towards the current expenses of the hospital as a permanent fund, the income to go towards the current expenses of the hospital as a permanent fund, the income to go towards the current expenses of the hospital as a permanent fund.

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She gives \$25,000 to St. Luke's Hospital under similar conditions, and a like sum to the Young Woman's Christian Association in the same way; \$25,000 to the Children's Aid Society, in the same way, and further gives \$10,000 for the support and maintainance of an industrial school known as the Avenue B School.

She gives \$25,000 to the Trustees of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, at Hampton, Va., of which Gen. S. C. Armstrong is Principal, for the maintenance of the free scholarships for young colored men from Southern States.

She also gives \$25,000 to the Committee for Domestic Missions of the Domestic and Forseign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America. The fund to be under control of the committees and the income to be divided as follows; one-half to the support of scholarships in the schools established for the education of Indian boys and girls in the ecclesiastical district of South Dakots and enlargement of the churches or schools and enlargement of the churches or schools

ecclesiastical district of South Dakota and the other half of the income to the repair and enlargement of the churches or schools belonging to the mission of the Protestant Episcopal Church to the Indians within the same district.

To Miss Laura Post she gives \$5,000 of general mortgage 6 per cent bonds of the Louis, ville and Nashville Railroad, with the accrued interest on the same at the time of Mrs. Astor's death.

She gives to her executors \$5,000 in the same bonds, to be applied to the benefit of her god-daughtor. Marietta Thompson, daughter of Launcelot and Maria Thompson Potter.

Potter.

During her minority the income will be applied by her mother to the education of the young lady. On reaching twenty-one years of age the principal shall be paid over to her. In case of her death before then the money shall go to the said Marietta's brothers and sisters in equal shares.

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These legacies being paid if there be suf-ficient funds remaining the following be-quests are to be paid therefrom: To the So-ciety for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \$1,600; the Orphans' Home and Asylum of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York, and the Society for the Belief of the Destitute Bling in the City and Vicinity, \$1,000 each.

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The executors are requested to satisfy the several bequests as soon as possible and not to wait for the lapse of the year allowed by

to wait for the lapse of the year allowed by law.

With the following exceptions all of Mrs. Astors's jewelry is bequeathed to her husband, although she requests him to give certain of them to her personal friends designated in a private paper not a part of her will, as tokens of her affection for them:

To her son, William Waldorf Astor, all of her ruby and diamond ornaments; to Mrs. W. W. Astor, a necklace of seven rows of white pearls, a diamond clasp and a diamond tiara of seven pieces, and to her sister, Zela Gibbes, a diamond tiara of three pieces.

The testatrix's husband is made her residuary legatee. residuary legatee.

The witnesses to the instrument are Charles
F. Southmayd, of 13 West Forty-seventh
street, and C. W. Baldwin, of Orange, N. J.

Funeral of a Noted Runner. The funeral of Samuel P. Wright, President of the West Side Athletic Club, and a noted runner, took place from his late residence, 349 West Forty-seventh street, this morning. Mr. Wright was a

> Look Out for the Cold Wave. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. --

Indications for the trees. ty-four hours commeno For Connecticut, warm er, rain, followed by colder, clearing weather; winds becoming brisk to high westerly with a cold

rain, partly as more in the northern parties, folloved by much colder, clearing weathe

